

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101, for claiming the same invention as claims 1-22 of Applicants' prior U.S. Patent No. 5,664,243. At the outset, it is to be noted that claims 2-22 of the present application were canceled at the time of filing the continuation application on January 18, 2000. Note item 8 on page 3 of the Request for Filing Continuation/Divisional Application filed on that date. The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm that the amendments in items 8 and 9 of that paper have been entered.

By way of the present Amendment, remaining claim 1 has been canceled and new claims 23-39 are being added. It is respectfully submitted that these new claims differ in scope from claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 5,664,243, and thereby remove the basis for the double patenting rejection. For example, and without limitation, independent claims 23, 31 and 36 each recite a camera having, among other features, a first photo-taking portion and a second photo-taking portion. Independent claim 28 recites a camera having a first CCD that senses a light beam formed by a taking lens, and a second CCD that senses the light beam. It is respectfully submitted that these claimed features distinguish the new claims from claims 1-22 of Applicants' prior patent.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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